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PALMERTON ZINC NPL SITE
PALMERTON BOROUGH, CARBON CO., PA 18071

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I. SITUATION (AS OF 10 MAY 1996)
EVENT: ROUTINE REMOVAL OPERATIONS

A. PALMERTON INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION SITE OPERATIONS CONTINUED THIS PERIOD (03 MAY THROUGH 10 MAY) WITH EXTERIOR CLEANUP WORK AT TWO LOCATIONS.

B. COSTS TO DATE (DATES)

	UTILIZED	CEILING
EPA DIRECT 05/10/96	\$ 74,448	\$ 83,800
EPA INDIRECT 05/10/96	\$ 137,796	\$ 150,000
OTHER 11/13/95	\$ 162,538	\$ 200,000
TAT 5/10/96	\$ 292,111	\$ 400,000
ERCS 2/23/96	\$ 1,943,033	\$ 2,400,000
UNALLOCATED		\$ 344,538
TOTAL	\$ 2,609,926	\$ 3,628,338

C. THE CONTINUED LEVEL OF COMMUNITY INTEREST (THUS FAR) APPEARS TO BE MODERATE. CONTINUED INTEREST WILL LEAD TO A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THE OSC HAS PREPARED AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST.

D. LATE ENTRY - ON 25 FEBRUARY 1996, AT APPROXIMATELY 2130, THE EPA COMMAND POST AT THE O'BRIEN MACHINERY SITE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND. THIS ENTRY IS MADE HERE SINCE FILES RELEVANT TO THE PALMERTON SITE WERE MAINTAINED AT THAT FACILITY INCLUDING CONTRACT FILES AND EPA LOGBOOK FILES. THE EXTENT OF LOSS OF CONTRACTOR FILES (VS. REPLACEMENT) IS NOT YET FULLY KNOWN. EPA OSC LOG FILES, IN THE FORM OF ELECTRONIC DISC, ARE NOT REPLACEABLE. OSC TOWLE MAINTAINED SOME PALMERTON FILES AT THE O'BRIEN SITE SINCE HE WAS THE OSC FOR BOTH SITES.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. EXTERIOR CLEANUP OPERATIONS WERE INITIATED 04 MAY 1996 AFTER RAIN DELAYED THE ANTICIPATED 03 MAY START DATE. PREPARATION ACTIVITIES INITIATED 04 MAY AND PROPERTIES WERE PREPARED FOR NEW VEGETATIVE COVER 10 MAY 1996. WET WEATHER HAS SLOWED PROGRESS.

B. EPA CRC BROWN AND OSC TOWLE SCHEDULED PROPERTIES FOR SAMPLING DURING THE WEEK OF 20 MAY.

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- C. OSC TOWLE SCHEDULED PROPERTIES FOR CLEANUP. THUS FAR, CLEANUPS ARE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE WEEK OF 03 JUNE.
- D. SATA CONTRACTOR MAKING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAMPLING PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE MODIFIED DUST SAMPLING PROGRAM.
- E. OSC ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE ROTOR TILLER TO EFFECT SAVINGS OVER FREQUENT RENTAL OF MACHINE AND LABOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING MACHINE. REGIONAL MANAGEMENT IS RELUCTANT TO PURCHASE DUE TO THE APPARENT DIFFICULTY OF ITS FINAL DISPOSITION AFTER THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

III. FUTURE ACTIONS

- A. CONTINUE SITE CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT ELIGIBLE RESIDENCES.
- B. CONTINUE COORDINATION OF AND SCHEDULING OF RESIDENTIAL CLEANUPS.
- C. CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING DURING THE WEEK OF 20 MAY 1996 INCLUSIVE OF SOIL AND DUST SAMPLING.
- D. CONTINUE TO EVALUATE MORE COST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF OBTAINING TILLER EQUIPMENT.

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